

El Paso Jan 2 1937

Sweetheart:

Pleasant journey so far. Holiday crowds!

Am writing Kirby Jr that soon we will give him \$100 as present on his 21st birthday. Imagine a son 21!!! How quickly and happily the years have gone!

Received the telegram enroute from Tom Summers in Houston.

Be sure to forward air mail all letters for me.

Love and kisses

Jan 3.

Darling:

This is the last  
I'll try to send to  
Chicago, so hope you  
have sent me some  
forwarding addresses.

Perry arrives tomorrow  
but don't know if alone  
or not. Isot a letter today  
but nothing very definite yet.  
Will may have to give 30 days  
notice. Will be glad to  
get him back here, then I

can get the garbage buried,  
and the rabbits off my  
hands. Had to feed them  
while he worked, and today  
also

Myrtle hasn't showed  
up yet. Hope Perry  
brings home a stenographer

Hoops and hoops lone

Ever, always, forever  
you are  
to help at work, alwa.

# MORRISON HOTEL

James B. McCahey and Thurlow G. Essington, Trustees  
Leonard Hicks Managing Director

CHICAGO Jan. 9

darling Alma:

So glad to get your note & to learn that \$700 have come in. You did right in sending the ck for \$178.60 to La. H. H. Co. You should sign this note & send it to them with a note of thanks for their cooperation.

If Helen Beardsley sends a check, suggest it be set aside in your savings account for use this summer or for emergencies. All other cks should now be sent to Barbara for deposit there.

I will gladly speak in Whittier on Feb. 6 or on Jan 30 whichever is preferable. as a subject: "What Can American Christians Do About the Far Eastern Crisis?"

Use your judgment about delaying the addition to the house.

Have spent two busy days in the library here - with much profit.

Please make a note in the check book that I have drawn out \$10.

With that I could hold you in my arms Now!! Lonesome for you.

Your

Kirby



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CHICAGO

Sweetheart:

Passing through for Naperville  
enroute to Dayton.

On Friday I will inquire  
for mail at Hotel Statler.  
St Louis, Mo. am daily  
expecting Fern Babcock to send  
my itinerary for the Southwest.

Heaps & heaps of  
love and kisses

Devotedly your own

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

- 11 - 37

darling:

Perry arrived this morning. He had wired when he would arrive and Kay met him. Didn't get your letter until this morning later and can only say I was surely needing some dough to pay bills. Mrs. Corbett's last bill of \$48. among them. Herofter Mary will have lesson about once a month.

Terribly sorry to have to report that we have really had freezing weather. Your strawberries are OK. but my nasturtiums are gone and sweet peas damaged. Papayas appear gone, and Peppers are badly damaged. May save some fruit. We had ice in rabbit jars and sleet on Susie's steps. The dogs and cats are all block, from smudge. even the rabbits are dirty and smudgy. Youngsters had to use their headlights on Whittier Blvd couple of mornings account of smudge. Smudge in the air is terrible but promise of

Warmer weather.

Mrs & Mrs Bryn-Jones were out last Tuesday and enjoyed the day. Said if they drove a car would like to live in a place like this. Busie enjoyed them too. We all had a nice time and Busie went with me when I took them home, how she has seen a bit of Pasadena.

Perry advises you have a date in Houston on the 22nd of Feb and you say you will go there first so guess it will be later when you come home. We shall try to have the strawberries out by then but have more rain promised and ground is still wet. Anyway we shall be waiting here for you and so glad to get you home at all.

Heaps and heaps long

ever always

Your own

Alma.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

1-16-37

Darling:

The sun is shining this afternoon but we have rain promised. The ground is saturated with water and is hard to dry. Perry seems to be getting along O.K. He is taking up the work with the rabbits. Kay showed him how "it is did" on Friday, and Susie and I initiated him into the intricacies of feeding before that. Today they are cutting wood with the saw and Art. Will finish by night, and do we need some wood!

Here is some more money. Incidentally, I shall have to have more soon as I will be broke when

I pay the Electric. Have had to use  
heat continuously, and all stones -  
you imagine the rest. Don't take  
too long to send it.

Hope and Trope love.

ever your son  
Alma.

Cleveland Jan 17<sup>th</sup> - 37

Alma & Mary My Dears-

I will make this a short one  
letter because there is so little I can tell  
you that would interest you. I was fine &  
both of you do take time to write me, & I do  
appreciate it. I have kept well for a long time now  
had my last hog butchered ten days ago. Leah &  
Norma was to come help me make sausage, ~~and~~  
but Leah got sick her too with flu right at  
the time - in fact it was about the time Perry  
left. Leah has had off all last week malaria  
too - they drove up today - got here at twelve, left  
three thirty. She looks awful bad - & is weak too.  
I am terribly worried about him.

Alma I am sorry you have to be bothered  
with Perry - but there is nothing I can do with anybody  
if he is still with you. Tell him about Leah &  
I wish he would write me.

It will soon be gardening time here. I have had  
turnips, collards, lettuce all winter - want to plant  
English peas soon as the ground dries enough rained  
for a week now - want to order onion plants to night  
there is no grass for the cow - have to keep her in pen &  
feed hay. have more butter than Norma can use - sell  
some butter milk 5¢ per quart. quilted two quilts for Norma  
& today she brought scraps to make one - & then I'll quilt it.  
my health is real good, looks like I might live forever -  
say hello to Ray, & Mrs Newman, I would appreciate another  
letter from both of you. Lovingly, Grandmother

# Oklahoma Biltmore



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OKLAHOMA CITY Jan 18

Alma Dearest:

The check for mrs Harvey helps out. Am confident that she will send another \$250 in April.

Busy time here. Excellent response. am selling 25 to 50 copies of the new war book at every place.

Can hardly wait to see you. Expect to reach

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Puente Sunday afternoon  
about 4:10 o'clock. Came  
up huge supplies of  
affection.

Forever yours

Kirby

Afterwards we had a walk up  
the hill leading out the  
in old & extreme houses now  
demolished. Went out past  
at 7:25 miles and expected  
~~to~~ <sup>200</sup> miles more at 8:00 got  
walk past  
at time passed and  
there it was. Wore out

Mary says when you stop in  
Texas, remember to bring home  
a piece KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Jan 25 '37 9 A.M.

Darling:

Looks as if we might freeze up  
and blow away in spite of everything.  
And boy, oh boy, is our bill for electric  
going to be a beaut! Last month's bill (still  
unpaid as it lack of funds), is \$22+, and we  
have been using the big heater and  
most of the time two or three other  
small heaters full blast for 12 or 15 hours  
a day. Also, the fireplace continuously,  
for over a week. We have had ice an inch  
or two thick in drinking pans for the animals.  
In spite of it all, the poinsettias and nasturtiums  
are all flat seem to be all gone, but probably  
much of the things on the north side are very  
badly hurt. Of course the papayas are gone  
and the Pepinos are about gone, may save  
some cuttings and some <sup>small ones</sup> in the arbor will  
survive. The losses in the citrus have been  
terrible as you have seen from the papers. This  
is the longest cold spell in the history of S. Calif.  
However we are not as badly off as the flood.

victims of the Ollis valley. We still have a place to live and lots of growing things left.

The Chamberlain Weatherstripping people came around last week and I let a contract to have all <sup>outside</sup> doors weatherstripped and all windows caulked, to prevent water seeping in and rotting timbers inside walls. Total cost for 6 doors weatherstripped like Sunnyside house, and all windows caulked; \$100, payable \$10 month, no interest. What would you say to having windows of bath rooms and front room-dining room & kitchen weatherstripped, and if you think necessary, your room? Probably cost  $\$60$  or  $\$75$  more, no need for bedrooms to be worked as we don't try to heat them. Let me know your opinion! It will save heat bill a good bit.

Perry seems to be getting along O.K. and enjoying himself except for the sneezes. He has a head cold pretty bad and sort of hay fever too. We have taken him to a couple of shows and played cards with him in spare time, and he has read, and outside he has cared for rabbits and worked around citrus trees and carried in wood and kept the home fire burning. Much of the time it has been so cold we couldn't just get outside. ~~Somehow or other, I do need~~ ~~some money rather much. Am anxious to hear how present conditions are affecting the campaign.~~ <sup>Heaps and heaps lower -</sup> ~~I do love you still, you won~~ <sup>Amen</sup>

Feb 2 - 37.

Darling:

There are so many things I want to ask you about. How things are affecting the E.P.C. & Delta Farm and the program & money raised.

Before I forget. Have drawn check on N.Y. for \$100<sup>00</sup> to Whittier College.

When can we pay the remainder? The rest will be 150 or 200 more.

Perry seems to be having a good time and is really enjoying the sleeping and eats. Susie gives him Maxwell House in the afternoon as well as the morning. He sure is getting a lot done around here and you really may get some melons this summer. Glad we did not have young trees out now though. Kids leaving now  
Hoops and traps low for your own alms

February 3 - 1937.

Sailing:

There wasn't time to write all I had to say yesterday, so here goes some more. The doors were weatherstripped and now we ~~don't~~ have to worry about mopping up the water when it rains, but the windows still leak. The doors and windows were all caulked. This is a putty like substance which does not get real hard, but expands and contracts with the weather. It is put in the cracks where the ~~con~~ stucco and wood come together to prevent rotting out. The cost to weatherstrip the rest of the windows, all of them would be about \$150 or \$175, I think. \$150 would do it. To leave out the bedroom windows and fix the kitchen, dining, living room and study would be \$100. Perry says that chamberlain weatherstrip should be put in when a house is built. Should we have any of this done now or wait until summer?

Musie is taking some medicine today to try to get rid of some headaches. Perry has a bump on his finger next the nail, and still has a cold, but otherwise seems to be Ok. He has cleaned the north garden and all the strawberries are out, but it took a long time for the ground to dry enough to plant them. Perry has cleaned the bowls around the trees and is putting the fertilizer around everywhere. He is also interested

in a melon or so.

This has been sort of vacation week for the youngsters. They have been to the mountains twice. Took Perry once, but once was enough.

He nearly froze and Kay's big shoes were too short for him and he is willing to stay where he can at least get warm. He surely is praying for warm weather. So are we.

We got some audions at last and they please all. We also got drapery material for my room and for over the garage.

Mary is making her some clothes today. They registered yesterday and start to school tomorrow.

Have you any light as to when you will get home again? Can you bring me up-to-date on the news?

Heaps and heaps love, then  
heaps more, and come home  
some day. Your own,

Alma.

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Sun. Feb. 7

Sweetheart:

Have been laid up for three days with a bad cold. Better now. off tonight for a day in Syracuse. Then a day here and start for Texas. Then return to Philadelphia & then to California. Then a long delay. Then reaching home on March 9th!!!

There are critical days in the campaign. Making wonderful progress but everybody is swamped. Cannot take my hands off for another month.

Dashing to Texas for an interview with Mr & Mrs Fondren in Houston. Ray & I expect to ask them for \$100,000. We may not get a cent!

Will see mother on Saturday.

Address Rice Hotel on Friday &

more on train

Fri - Feb. 12 + 13<sup>th</sup>

Love Kirby

# SPRUCE HOTEL

AT 13TH AND SPRUCE STREETS  
PHILADELPHIA

CENTRAL-CITY CONVENIENCE

Enroute Houston to Philadelphia  
Feb. 15

Sweetheart:

Had a fine visit with mother. She is looking well and seems better satisfied than for a long time. Has fixed the place up so that it could hardly be recognized. Has part of her garden growing. Her strawberries look grand.

Was in Houston for only a short stay. Every minute was taken up with important interviews, so I had no chance to see Betty & Johnnie.

Mr Godchaux died Sunday morning. This will upset Leaks plans but the company directors may ask him to continue the business.



Lead & Norma reached Cleveland<sup>(1)</sup>  
about 11:30 Sunday morning  
& then drove back to Houston  
in time for me to catch my  
train. Had good visit. Lead  
has been sick & looks poorly.

Ray and I had nearly  
two hours with Mr. & Mrs.  
Fondren. Asked them for  
\$50,000 but did not get  
immediate answer. Feel  
confident that we will get  
a substantial gift. Also  
interviewed several other  
rich prospects.

a wealthy Mrs Sharp  
invited 30 guests to her home.  
Ray & I interrupted the campaign.  
Some of the most influential citizens

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CENTRAL-CITY CONVENIENCE

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of Houston were present, including F. M. Law a former President of the American Bankers Assn & now Pres. of the First National Bank; President Lovett of Rice Institute; Miss Anna Hogg, etc., etc.

Sherwood has moved his office to <sup>from</sup> 1101 at 52 Vanderbilt ave. Cheaper rent. Jessica is out & Mary Lyon is slated to go any day. Barbara Parker, sister of Betty, is the new secretary. Sherwood gave me an old steamer trunk. am sending it by freight.



F

am feeling better. Have rested  
on the train. The next three  
weeks will be extremely busy.

Then home for three weeks!!

Did the freeze harm the  
fig trees or any of the citrus?  
Will the poinsettias revive?

Eager indeed to get  
home.

Love and kisses

Kirley

Had a brief word over the phone  
with Edith. Had hoped to see  
her for good visit. She is working  
only part time, but said she  
is getting along all right!!!

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February 11, 1937

Dear Kirby:

Greetings, and I hope you and yours are getting along all right. I suppose Perry is still with you and am wondering what he will be doing a few weeks hence.

Mother reports a letter from Perry, and Edith also is the recipient of one, that may have been pleading for a reconciliation. I have a card from Perry when he reached California but nothing since. I sincerely hope he lands something profitable and to his liking.

I wonder if you will do something for me. I want to secure all the information on a certain tropical fruit. The library information here is meagre and I thought possibly you, or some of your staff, could look up the article in the New York Library, or some place where real information is given. It is DURIAN, or DURIO, (*Durio zibethinus*), a large somewhat elm-like tree, extensively cultivated for its luscious fruit, grows 60' to 80' tall, has large, usually oval fruit, 10" long, enclosed in a hard rind completely covered with strong prickles, with numerous large seeds enveloped in a cream-colored pulp. I desire to learn where it grows, native, and the medicinal properties of fruit, with a view to importing. Thanks a lot.

Mr. Godchaux has been seriously ill for three weeks with pneumonia, and will be out for some time yet. Norma is steadily failing and we are having to take things easier. Mother keeps going remarkably well. When may we expect to see you again?

Lovingly, your brother,

*Frank*

Tuesday Feb 16 -

Alma Deal was glad to get your letter  
Kirby got here at dark Sat - staid until a little  
after one Sunday - Leah & Norma carried him back  
tell Perry that Godchaux bid early Sunday  
Leah was about ready to start up here, when the  
Phone rang - so they had to go there first - got here  
at twelve - short stay - & both very nervous  
do not know what they will do with the business -  
I am sorry about the freeze - but unusual things have  
been happening every where - our first hard storm hit  
late yesterday - still with us, & cold too, I planted  
a few potatoes yesterday, & want to get in a row of corn  
to day - strawberries are blooming. but expect they  
will be frozen - I have plenty of wood, & every thing  
now if I can only stay able to take care of myself  
how is your health - & that of Mrs Kenman -  
Love to every body - & hello - Mother

2-24-37

Darling:

Hope you are taking proper care of yourself and not getting sick again. Suppose there is enough work to keep two of you going and four of anyone else.

We had perfectly terrible weather here the Saturday and Sunday of the E.P.C. meeting, but Monday was fine. I am terribly sorry that I didn't get to see Sherwood. It was raining very hard Sunday when he spoke in Pasadena and Mary had the car anyway. She and Vene Harris went in for the Student who spoke at Whittier and then took him back. I don't think I would have attempted to go to Pasadena anyhow as I had been having headaches and was still weak. However we went in Monday and heard Sherwood and Miss Rogden, but Sherwood left as soon as they said "amen" and no one at all got to see him. He was speaking so often that he could not come out, and they

had told me at the office that he was coming back here, but he didn't. I wrote him a note asking him to call me and I would get him any time, but only got the answer Monday noon saying he would not have time and was not coming back here. Miss Roydon spoke powerfully and was well received.

Things coming along here; and if we don't get too much of the predicted rain tonight will continue OK. The citrus come through OK. I think many of the poinsettias will pull through. Those by the garage are OK.

Susie is leaving Monday to be with Johnnie when she is confined. She would have stayed longer but her pass expires on the 3rd.

Heaps and trods down  
ever always your own  
Alma

Houston, Feb. 24th, Wednesday.

Dearest Mother:

I bet you enjoy this nice warm day, and how it will make things grow in your garden. It seems good to be alive today and I think of the verse, "THIS is the day the Lord hath made, Let us be glad and rejoice in it".

But poor Edith does not have much to rejoice over. She has been ailing for some time but worked at Byrd's, even while she was sick. Monday noon she played out, almost collapsed at her work, and the head woman sent her home. She was desperate almost and phoned Norma yesterday. She cannot eat, has nausea, thinks some of her intestines are closed up, and seems to be in serious condition. We got busy last night, found a good surgeon who will get her into Jefferson Davis Hospital and do the work free, so this morning

Edith was in my office. I gave her a letter to the supt, of the hospital and sent her over in a taxi. The head woman gave her a preliminary hearing, injected something to relieve the pain and nausea, sent her home, and told her to come back Monday for a stay in the hospital and such operation as may be necessary. Edith called Norma on phone afterwards and said they were lovely to her and said she appreciated the quick, vigorous way we took hold and got the ball rolling for her relief. We will stand by and do all we can, while praying the Lord to do the right thing. I will keep you posted.

And what do you think? The pension inspector came to see me this morning about your application, apologized for the delay, and seemed to think you might get an old age pension. Of course, he was not definite and would not commit himself. I guess all he does is to make his report and the higher-ups do the rest. I told him Mr. Godchaux had just died, that I was liquidating his business, with no salary for it, and that I was behind and did not know what the future held for me. He marked it down and read it to me and seemed to think you needed some help, since I was in such a condition and I told him Perry was out of work and had gone to California to see what could be found. Kirby was not mentioned. So now you will know about the inspector and may hear something some of these days. Do not let your hopes rise too high for there's many a slip, etc., but it looks more likely now than at any time hitherto, to my notion.

I must run now. Have a trip to Galveston tonight with Norma and Mrs. Godchaux, on some of her business. God bless and keep you is our prayer all the time. Write us when you feel like it, for we are always glad to hear from you.

Lovingly, your son,

*Seak*

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Wellington H. Tinker, Field Representative

Feb. 25 Enroute to N.Y.

Alma darling:

We are at the peak of preparations for the April Campaign and are thrilled by the possibilities. Nineteen area offices are going face blast.

Ray and I have an appointment to see Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother of Anne Lindbergh. She is a wealthy woman and we hope to secure a substantial gift from her.

Tomorrow we are to see Harry Emerson Fosdick for an hour and a half concerning the future of the peace movement. We have outlined a plan for a unified national movement which calls for an amalgamation of several existing peace agencies. Will let you know what Fosdick thinks of this proposal.

Hope all goes well.

Eager indeed to get home, arrive  
on the 9th and stay until April 4th.

Suppose Perry is working his head  
off these days.

am tired but will hold  
out for another week.

Love and kisses)

Kirby

March 1, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Your letter has just this minute arrived. I am sorry indeed to hear that Edith is having such a bad time. I am writing to Leak and offering to help out financially.

It would be wonderful if you really got the old age pension. I know it would do your feelings a world of good.

These are extremely busy days with us. We are at the peak of preparation for the spring campaign and I am leaving for California on Friday. It will be wonderful to get home again. I am looking forward to some long talks with Perry about the future.

Heaps and heaps of love.

Mrs. Isabella Murry,  
Rural Route,  
Cleveland, Texas.

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March 4, 1937.

Dear Kirby:

Received your letter and the check for Edith. I telephoned her at once and was she surprised? Norma was pleased and we think it mighty nice of you to manifest such interest in her case. I deposited the check in my Trustee account and will give it to Edith when she comes for it. She said she did not have to have it for a few days but expressed her gratitude and good feeling that it was available. I will see that she gets all of it.

I waited to answer your letter, thinking I might be able to answer your inquiry as to Edith's attitude towards returning to Perry, in remarriage. Norma will attempt to get her heart feeling in the matter. I received a letter yesterday from Perry asking about Edith, stating he wrote Edith a birthday letter, to which no reply had been received. I telephoned Edith this morning, mentioned Perry's letter to me, and his anxiety about her. She said she did not see any reason in keeping up a correspondence with him, that he was trying to get her to change her mind and that she never would change it. She said she would write him however. I gather that it will not be easy to press Perry's suit for her hand, but time will tell and may alter things sooner than we expect.

Mother is deeply concerned for Edith's welfare and writes for Edith to come and spend some time with her as soon as she is able to leave the hospital. Consequently, Edith is puzzled and wondering if the Page family is as bad as she once thought it to be. Norma is keeping Edith's courage up and I will continue to stand by. I interested a splendid woman surgeon in Edith's case and she directed me to hospital authorities and outlined the procedure to get Edith in and the best attention. Incidentally, Dr. Barraco is the dental surgeon that removed my teeth and did such an excellent job of carving in six sessions. She has been doing general surgery for more than three years, will branch out into that work at high fees shortly, when she has gotten things going to her liking.

We are busy at the office with reorganization of these companies and I have a splendid chance to entrench myself for coming days, if I am able to straighten out the tangled web and get things going. It is a very difficult assignment and one that might well frighten a timid soul, but I believe I can make it.

Hope you are all right, and know you will be glad to be home again. Excuse my haste. I will keep you advised as to developments.

Your loving brother,

*Leak*

League City Tex  
Mar 10<sup>th</sup> 1937

Dear Mary

I was so surprised to hear about your mother's operation. But guess it must have been for the best as she has been sick so long. I expect sicker than we expected I am so glad that it is all over with and she is getting along all right. Please let me hear from her often as you can as you know I will be worried. am so sorry that I was not there. but I guess I would not have been able to do much as

I had to go to the dr. Monday, I was  
just feeling worse all the time, am  
not feeling any too good today but  
am able to keep out of the bed.  
I guess your father will be with  
you all for awhile I guess that  
was a shock to him, every body  
here are getting along fine and  
will snow next Tuesday or if you  
will wire so we it would get  
here later than that send it to  
John L. Dolson  
Thompson Tex) leave Humble Oil Co.  
Some to all  
Lovingly  
Grandmother  
Norman.

League City--  
March 10, 1937,

Dear Kirby

I am so sorry to hear about Alma having to be operated on but I hope it is well for the best, as Alma has been sick so long, and I begged her so hard to go to a Dr when I was there but she kept putting it off. sorry I was not there to help you all out, but as I have been feeling so bad lately do not guess I could have been much help to ay ~~or~~ one went to the Dr Monday had a touch of the flue, I am sending you a check

for three hundred - if you need  
the rest let me know & and I will  
send it - immediately I am preying  
that Alma will be getting along  
all right - please keep me posted  
as to how she is getting along tell  
her I will write her soon

Lovingly

Arthur Newman.

La Habra, California  
March 12, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Alma is getting along famously after an operation for appendicitis. This is the sixth day now, and she is doing marvelously. On Thursday night a week ago she had a bad time and called the doctor at three o'clock in the morning. When he came out the next night he rushed her immediately to the hospital and they operated on her at once. The appendix was covered with gangrene and adhered to the bowels. A slight delay might have been very serious. As it was, the operation was entirely successful and she is coming along wonderfully well.

The operation was performed the night I left New York. Mary wired the next morning, but the telegram was delayed in delivery and I did not get it until Sunday morning in Cheyenne. Fortunately everything went well.

Kirby and Mary are getting along nicely. Mary made the Honor Roll in her class. Last Saturday Kirby won a gold medal as a member of a relay team that won first place in a big meet.

Perry is really a new man. He looks better than he has for years, is rested, and his spirits are high. He and the youngsters get along famously. It would do you good to see Perry and Kirby working away at various jobs. They have really transformed this place -- it never looked so well.

Yesterday we were bragging about the fact that the bad weather was gone and that we would have a delightful time for another nine months, but it rained all night and the rain is still falling steadily. It is cold and dreary this morning. The cold spell did very little damage on the hilltop. Indeed, the only things we lost were the papaya and the mango, and a few other small plants. You would feel badly though, if you drove along the highways and saw the acres of brown trees. The avocados seemed to have been worse hit even than the citrus. The nurseryman at the foot of the hill lost everything, particularly all his small trees were killed. He did not even have heaters because he had never needed them before, so you will see that it was unusually cold.

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I expect to be home now until the 30th and possibly a few days longer. We are expecting Alma home in less than a week. Of course she will have to take things easy for quite a while. Fortunately this is the best time of the year for an operation.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Sunday March 14 -

Ruby Dear. I am sorry about Alma's trouble - but maybe it will prove to be a blessing in disguise - by helping her general health - did Perry get my letter - or did Leah write you about Edith - they kept her going to Hospital for two weeks - taking X-rays & giving hypodermics for pain & then told her she did not need an operation - her intestines were not grown together at all - it was only fear case of nervous breakdown - Leah found out she was going out with friends nearly every night - not eating only liquids the mystery is how she lived have not heard from Leah any more - we got a big rain yesterday - almost a storm cold to day - hope it will not freeze cloudy all day to day - Hello & love to everyone  
Monday  
still cloudy & cold Mother

La Habra, California.  
March 19, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Alma is coming along famously. At the rate she is progressing she will soon be the wellest person on the hill. You would rejoice to see how well she is looking. She has been home a couple of days now and this afternoon will take her first walk among the flowers.

We have had an endless amount of rain. Today is clear and beautiful and we are hoping that the winter is really over. All the trees and shrubs are bursting with life. Some of the little eucalyptus that we thought were killed by the cold are showing signs of life. Perry and Kirby have been digging holes on the hill-top for lime trees. They have discovered that the hill will take care of 120 trees. The trees will arrive on Monday and then there will be plenty of work to do. All our advisers tell us that limes are paying better now than oranges or lemons, and they seem to stand the cold weather better also.

✓ Alma and I had a good letter from Edith and she also wrote to Perry. Perry sent her such a long reply that he said it would take 6¢ postage! I hope to see her when I am in Houston.

I will be here until the 30th and then expect to arrive in Houston early Thursday morning, April 1. There is some talk of my going down down into the Brownsville country to see a rich family at Falfurrias. I must be in Denver, Colorado, on the morning of April 6. My schedule is being arranged by Bert Helm, the E.P.C. director in Houston, and I am not sure what my movements will be. If I can find a few hours, I will run up for a brief visit. If I go to Falfurrias I will have to spend two nights on the train, at least that is the way it looks from this distance.

Heaps of love,

P.S.: Perry is planting jillions of watermelon seeds. Suzy sent him seeds from two places and then he got a couple varieties of his own. He is going to plant a hill between each of the 120 lime trees. He expects to be a "jillionnaire" by fall!

Mar 23 Kirby Dear

your welcome letter just read  
sure is fine about Alma doing so  
well - yes Edith went to Dr Websters as  
Merma told her too - he says nothing  
really wrong - only starvation -  
she is making much talk about all  
Parrys folks wanting to help her - thereby  
placing all the blame on him - one  
thing I wish you could find out though  
P has old man hood & she will never  
live with him again - its hard to believe  
but do not tell him what I said its  
a risky thing to write but I must &  
know if she is telling the truth -  
if it is maybe something could be done  
the weather continues cool & raining -  
destroy this at once

Love, & best wishes for all -  
Mother

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Norma and Edith had several conversations recently and Edith was at the house last night after some eggs that we brought from Cleveland Sunday. Norma talked to Dr. Wootters, her doctor, and he consented to get into the case and look after Edith. She called by appointment, he went over the case thoroughly, inspected the plates the Jefferson Davis hospital authorities had made, and finally reported her greatly improved, no functional disorder, no need for an operation, but she was in need of plenty of nourishing food. It seems the trouble had affected her nervous system, which reacted on the digestive organs, and made it difficult to assimilate the food, and coupled with that was her yearning to keep thin. Between the two, she had only nibbled, and avoided fattening food. So Dr. Wootters told her to get busy and eat, rest a lot, and she would soon be able to go back to work. She is now able to run around again in automobile with friends and may get to work again next week, I am not sure. But the worst scare is over, I believe.

Norma is improving steadily and we are so thankful, and both of us are sorry to learn that Alma had to have the trip to the hospital. Glad to learn she is doing nicely and suppose she is home ere now. Mother is puny lately, aching joints, and sore mouth from stomach disorders. She bought some Tan-lac and we are getting some medicine for her, so hope she will be more lively before long. She misses her boys, gets lonesome for company, and yet is unwilling to have anyone in the house with her. I am feeling fine, took an additional \$10,000.00 insurance policy on my life, payable to the business, which also pays all the premiums. It is a safeguard, inspiring faith. Hope all is well with you and the folks there.

Your loving brother,

*Frank*

Sunday April 14

Alma Dear - I never wrote

whil you were so sick - because I  
thought you had enough to stand already.  
I am so thankful you can through so  
well - hope your health will be better now.

Kirby came last night & left at one today  
going by Bus to Houston & then at four  
leane for Denver - we had a nice visit  
now I am so lonesome I can hardly stand it,  
one of the Peace workers brought him in car

Mrs Newman sent me the squash, & Dahla seed -

I was very glad to get them - do not know when  
is the best time to plant Dahla's - but I have  
them planted any way - also some of the squash -  
my garden got a terrible set back less than a  
month ago - we had a big frost - I had one row  
of tomatoes set out killed them, beans too & most  
of the corn - & potatoes badly nipped - but I think  
they will come out - I got most all of it planted over  
before the big rain came yesterday - the English peas  
are fine two double rows of Improved Alaska - staked - &  
stringed up  $2\frac{1}{2}$  ft high - full of blooms - do hope every body  
gets along well - take care not to climb too much. love, Mother

April 5.

Sailings:

Everything OK here. Still somewhat cool, but the sun shines now and then.

Today is the last day of vacation, so we are doing some washing today for the first time. Whenever planned before, it was fog or rain.

The boys are overjoyed that two watermelons have come up and they popped hot-cups on them before any ham could come. Perry claims 2 potatoes have come up in a watermelon hill out front and can't account for them.

Hope and happiness  
Ever your own  
Alma

Wed. April 7

Kirby - got your nice letter -  
& also heard the Radio addresses -  
the speakers were fine voices  
came in clear, & loud - heard  
from Lawrence, Mass I went to  
bed, ~~old~~ (never undressed) rested two  
hours - & then got up - glad to hear  
sure it rained after you left  
Sunday. cold Mon & Tuesday - sun  
still out now - & not so cold  
as usual from any one - feel all right -  
Love - Mother.

KIRBY PAGE  
347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 10th.

Alma Darling:

The meeting with Dr. Fosdick was a great success. I have given some details in the enclosed copy of a letter to Sherwood.

Had a splendid time in Denver and in Lincoln

Will be in St. Louis, Hotel Jefferson, on Monday, Tuesday and perhaps Wednesday, returning then to Philadelphia.

Alas, alas I left Paul Pfuetze's manuscript in my zipper bag. Will you please return it to him and tell him how sorry I am. Will plan to read it when I get back.

Tell me lots of news.

Love and kisses,

*Kirby*

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Darling:

We all have colds except Mary, and I must say we are a fine bunch of magnumpos. You may know Kay has a fine one, when he went to the doctor of his own accord. He will skip a couple of days of school and stop running for a while. However he is not too sick to have a new pup, a fine Doberman Pinscher. He bought it with his allowance money. I am getting along pretty well, but would feel better if I didn't have to come inside and cook and wash dishes now and then. The weather has been so nice I begrudge every minute I have to spend inside, except rest periods. Perry's asthma bothers him some in the mornings, but the dinners

works so hard he tires himself to death.  
However he is happier when he is working  
out in the field and garden. Perry & Kay  
have put out a line of the red pinks on  
each side of the walk up to the house, and,  
I mean, set them with mathematical precision.  
The little pink & white dianthus pinks are  
a mass of pinks & whites and smell lovely.  
The roses are beginning to bloom and the  
tulips are finishing and also the anemones and  
ranunculus. The strawberries are coming along  
fine and there have been enough for a couple  
of short cakes. They ought to be doing fine  
by the time you get here. Oh yes, the sweet  
peas that volunteered on the fence of the berry  
garden are blooming fine. The re-planted ones  
are coming along fine also. Finally, just  
when are you coming home? Now,  
don't let yourself be persuaded you are  
not coming home in May. You know, you  
are.

Heaps and heaps love,

From all the ~~ever~~ <sup>ever</sup> your own Anna.

La Habra, Calif.

April 28, 1937

Dearest Mother:

It is heavenly to be home again. This is a glorious time of the year and the days are brilliant, although the weather is still cold. Everything on the hill is growing at full speed. We have almost every color imaginable and flowers in profusion. Perry has been working hard and is enjoying himself hugely. He is taking personal pride in the appearance of the place. He and Kirby, Jr. are getting along famously and really doing a lot of hard work. The lime trees are growing wonderfully and already putting out new growth. We are going to have a lot of avocados and oranges, lemons and other fruit during the year. The trees are covered with bloom. Climbing roses are taking possession of the arbor. The strawberries are doing well and both the blackberries and the boysenberries are full of bloom. This is really an exciting time to be around.

Unfortunately Alma and Kirby Jr. have been sick. Alma has had a very bad sore throat and has been down to see the doctor two or three times. Kirby Jr. on his own accord went to see the doctor. He has been out of school now for a week. Both of them are getting better, however.

I expect to be home until Saturday, May 8, when I am returning direct to New York. Here's a document in which I think you will be interested.

I received your letter saying that you had heard the radio address. There must have been an immense audience listening that night, we have been getting reports from all over the country. In two days we received 900 clippings about the address.

I hope that by this time your radio has been fixed. Do not delay because you might as well get good use out of it. If you will get in the habit of looking at the program in advance you will discover lots of interesting things that you will want to hear. That is the reason I sent you the radio guide, which I hope is coming regularly.

Heaps and heaps of love,

Friday May 11th

Dear Dad - do you know that no rain  
has fallen here since you left - & in spite of  
that my garden stuff is making good - marked  
well all the time - the strawberries, did real well  
the first ones I ever raised - have sold 1.50 worth to  
neighbors - & made lots of preserves, jam & jelly - the plants  
are still full of blooms, & small berries --  
yesterday was cloudy - but turned to a bright sun  
sitting by a fire over - saw an Ad in farm paper  
where I could get Colored baby chick for 10¢ each -  
in Dallas sent two dollars - got 50 - week old & doing fine  
cheaper I never bought - have two hens hatching today -  
already fifty on the yard - the cow dried up - have to go  
on canned milk for awhile - the grape vines all lined  
growing fine & the Wisteria vine came out at last - all  
the way to the top - have had such lovely roses - some from  
cuttings - red - white & pink - California poppies -  
bluebonnets - lace flowers they are all a comfort to me  
heard the Coronation ceremony - & the Kings speech -  
Radio fire, & Leah fessiots in sending the Post -  
I am so thankful for all my blessings - Love from Mother

May 26 - 1937.

Darling:

Just look at the date first then, let me tell you we are using the fire place a lot. It is cold tonight, and for a week or more it has been cloudy and even a fine mist of rain at times.

If we don't get some sun soon there will not be any melons before you get here. However, we are having all the strawberry shortcake we need now and will soon have enough to preserve some I hope. Everything is in as good shape as possible. The cloudy weather helped in one place and that is in trans-planting things to the rock garden. It is almost all clean now and is lovely to look at and will be lovely with you. Poppies are about to die out but other things are coming along. We can't seem to make a dent in the sweet peas, there are so many and the fuchsias & roses are on the job.

The pup is as cute as she can be, and

Hiro is her abject slave. Wanted to bite  
a man the other day who wanted to pet her.  
Even lets her take his bone or his crust  
but not his regular breakfast.

Am so anxious to hear how things  
came out on the 24th. Hope you will  
not delay in writing about it.

Susie came through with the money,  
but had to pay the car insurance and  
that was \$46. Am holding off as much  
as possible but we are going to have a  
fearful time.

Isine me your itinerary, written  
down.

Hope and hope long  
and lots more -

Ever, always yours

Alma.

Tues-June 19

Kirby Dear - no news - just  
want to say that I am getting along  
all-right - no word from you or Perry  
in some time - hope all is well -

No rain yet - two months - unusual for  
this time of year - garden about dried up  
real California weather cold nights last  
days - one grape vine has three little bunches  
of grapes - all growing - I heard the little girls  
Birthday Program = fine - L & H did not  
come last Sunday - I have six more little  
turkeys - hope they live -

tell me how you are -

Love Mother

June 2

## Cailing

Got two letters yesterday and  
were they good; or were they good!

So glad you will be on a regular  
schedule with more time at home.

It also will not hurt to have  
a regular income. I am not  
telling the rest of the family that  
we have the additional \$200 you sent  
as they might think we are rich  
and want to go on a spree. In  
that way it will last longer, I  
hope.

Things are popping all over the  
place. Some going out and others  
coming in. The fancy bed nearly  
knocks you down as you come up  
the walk. It is simply gorgeous  
with all the colors of the rainbow  
and some not there. The pup is  
gradually learning not to chew the  
kittens, and they are thriving and playing.

I sent separately a paper from  
the Sunnyside people. I also  
had one. I don't suppose there  
is anything we should do about it.

If you could get in touch with  
Clarice and get her to send along  
the things we have there, it would  
be good. She just needs prodding.

We had two weeks of miserable damp  
cold weather. The sun hardly shone at all.  
It seems to be getting right just now.  
and are we enjoying the sun. We  
have string beans from the garden and  
fresh onions & now and then a few potatoes  
when a bush dies.

Wish you were here with us now.

Hope and Trape long

Always your own

Alma.

— try at 6. I am going to have  
all sorts of fun planning  
myself an picnic and just like, but not

June 5, 1937

Dearest Mother,

I am here in Philadelphia for a few hours before going back to New York. The past week has been a hectic one. I have been chasing about in various parts of the country. My work with the Emergency Peace Campaign is now practically concluded.

As I wrote to you earlier, the National Peace Conference is taking up much of the work that we have been doing.

On Monday afternoon I start for a student conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. You will remember that that is where we spent five happy summers. It will be a great joy to get back there. From Blue Ridge I go to Estes Park, Colorado for a student conference there. I will be there from June 13th to 18th. The address is Association Camp, Colorado.

My next stop will be a national convention at Lakeside, Ohio, and then I take part in two Institutes of International Relations in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. My final engagement will be at the University of Virginia and then I make a bee-line for home. Unfortunately I will not get to California until July 12th, but then I will be home until the end of September.

I am having a little folder printed telling about the conferences I plan to hold during the year. I will send you a copy within the next few days.

Tell me how the radio is working. Are you bothered badly with the static? What programs do you like best?

Yesterday I had a most enthusiastic letter from Alma. She says the place is simply bursting with life. Everybody seems to be in a good humor and working hard. I only wish that I could be there just now.

Heaps and heaps of love,

June 8 - 37.

Darling:

I would like to be at Blue Ridge with you. Would like to see all our friends and tell them a while and I would like to wander around the hills and valleys and pick up a root of this and that and the other and put in the suitcase to bring home with me, especially the little iris and the little roots of some of the things I had around the old log at Slabside. And how I would like some sourwood seed.

Things are coming along fine here. Oysters having tests this week and it is all over but the shouting. Kay says he is going fishing the first thing he does when he finishes. Mary will have to wash windows to get the balance of her allowance.

While on the subject, is there enough in N.Y. bank to send some for Dr W.L. Bruff and Whittier Bldg & Son? Statement said 437 on May 29. 75 each would relieve the situation.

We still have some flowers blooming. but  
it is sort of in between for some things.  
Pansies are outdoing themselves. The  
place looks like a million tho way  
the boys take care of it. Do wish  
you were here to help. Oh yes, did  
Perry tell you that the strawberries  
are supposed to bear till November?  
the new ones? I looked up the article  
about them. So you may get a short-  
cake after all.

Hope and keep love then  
Gardens more.

always yours your  
Alma.

Cleveland June 9<sup>th</sup>

Dear Don, your letter & contents gladly recd -  
finally we got rain - almost a week ago -  
every thing perked right up - & came out quite well  
with most things - its hot now but wind blowing  
pretty hard - maybe will rain some more -

Poor Perry is still grieving for E - wanted me to ask  
Alma where she is - she does not know. I advised  
him to quit writing to her, & make up his mind to be  
happy without her - & not come back to Houston soon  
if ever - but try to find some good settled woman  
for a wife - forgot he ever had bad habits - & try  
to be content & happy - when you get home, see  
if you can help him to find work & of the right  
kind of people to associate with - you cannot afford  
to keep him indefinitely - Alma must be mighty  
tired of him - I have not heard a word about Johnnie  
how did she come out - six of the little turkeys are living  
L & N place to come next Sunday - & do not keep up with many  
Radio programs - look up when & want to listen - family worship is

good - I get to hear all kinds of Preachers - but  
enjoy the organ music & singing most -  
yes the Radio guide is fine - do not renew for Time  
& Digest - do not need them - you better stop all  
the others too - its enough for you to send money  
& keep me eating, & taking medicine -

I am well as usual - but the long hot days  
are trying - I am very thankful to be so  
comfortably fixed - God only know how much  
longer I will be an expense to you & Leah  
there is nothing else I can do about it -

Love & prayers from Mother

6-12-37

Darling:

Well, we will not slave for a while at least. K. & M. & P. went fishing yesterday morning, got up at 4.30 AM. and came home with three trays of blackberries, a bag of sugar and eight bottles of erts. I spent the afternoon and evening jelling & jamming. Sorry to report no fish.

Johnnie has a girl, born the evening of the 8th. It was a Caesarean birth. Susie is at 3711 Bruce St, Houston, 7½ Harold Lake.

Edith hasn't decided yet whether she wants to risk coming out here and Perry is of course, disappointed. He wrote back and said he wanted a yes or no. Still a little cool here. Sun sometimes. Just a month now until you are home. Heaps love, Ever, always yours Alma.

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA JABRA, CALIFORNIA

6 - 16, '37

Darling:

Paul Lockhart called yesterday afternoon, wanting you as Dr. Lockhart is in the Riverside Community Hospital with heart trouble and not expected to live. The end will probably come before you receive this. Their home is Pedley, Calif., you remember.

Am drawing a check on N.Y. for \$200, and giving check for \$75 each to the Doctor and the Bldy & Loan. I only had one N.Y. check and used it to draw the whole amt.

Are you going to take any speaking dates this summer if you can get them, in order to raise any money? I shall be as careful as possible with the money, but there are some bills that must be paid. I'll pay up the milk and if that has to run during the summer it will be O.K. The water and light need to be kept up, also telephone. The Bldy. & Loan can slide a bit, especially as we have paid a lot to them and as we have a settled salary in view in the fall.

We got some fertilizer and at last the lawn is getting its feeding. Also got a sack of commercial fertilizer and Perry is trying it on a few of the melons to see if it will help.. We shall have cucumbers to eat in a week. I stole another batch of strawberries for jam while the youngsters were both away from home. Were they mad or were they mad, but Perry is my ally in that and he talked Kay around to seeing the light of day for the future. There will be another box of them today for shortcake anyway.

Things are growing pretty well, but we still do not have enough sunshine to do a good job. It gets positively cold sometimes.

I am counting the days until time for you to get home. Don't forget to give my forwarding addresses, as this is the last one I have. Oh yes, Johnnie named the baby Mary Jo. Said she wanted Mary and didn't care much what the other name was.

Until the 12th,

Yours patiently waiting,

Alma

June 24, 1937

Darling:

Went to funeral services for Dr. Sockhart yesterday morning. Mary went with me. just before it began she got sick and spent the rest of the time in bathroom and stretched out on floor. He died Monday noon.

Kay had his nose operated on yesterday morning and feels pretty bad today, but better than yesterday. He goes in this afternoon for dressing.

Have received notice of taxes due June 30 or before on this place of \$65.33 and have only \$65 balance, besides on July first there will be due \$30 to Chamberlain weatherstrip, about \$39 milk bill electric, etc., drew 200 to pay 75 each on Dr. bill and soon co. Can you send me check to cover these other things? Besides car payment now due hope don't alway

Cleveland June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kirb Dear, there is not much to tell these hot times - no more rain, & every thing needing it, I am canning Tomatoes every day - nearly, most every thing turned out real well - Leah & Morna came Sunday - I never cooked anything both on a special diet - Leah in bad shape, looks bad - worrying himself to death over Morna & how to make a living with that little business -

Perry wrote me - told of Lockhart's death, wonder what she will do - so glad all goes well out there & that Johnnie is all right - know there is much rejoicing over the baby.

do hope your cold is over - & that you keep well - I am doing fine -

love Mother

July 22, 1937

Dearest Mother:

I have been home now for nine days and we have been having a really glorious time. All of us are well and the weather has been ideal. Everything is growing wonderfully. The watermelon vines are in healthy shape and eventually we are going to have a trillion melons--watermelons, cantaloupe and honey dews. They are late in maturing, which means we will have melons long after they have disappeared from the markets. We are getting strawberries every two or three days and from the looks of the plants will have a supply for another month or six weeks.

There are about a hundred olives on the tree and perhaps 25 walnuts. We have a few lemons and will have a good many avocados. The oranges are not bearing - they were set back in various ways, as you know, but by another year we ought to have a good crop.

The rabbit pen is well surrounded by eucalyptus trees. These trees have had so much fertilizer and water that they are growing twice as fast as the others. In addition, three big grape vines are now spreading all over the rabbit houses. We are going to have a lot of grapes of several varieties. Some weeks ago I transplanted about 12 boysen berry plants and all of them are coming along nicely. Likewise, the 15 blackberry plants which were transplanted also, are doing famously. This means that next year we are having an abundance of berries.

Yesterday afternoon I spent an hour tying up branches of the English Ivy or whatever it is that is supposed to climb over the front and side walls of the small house. Growth has been exasperatingly slow but at long last the vines have climbed higher than the garage doors and we are now hopeful.

The boys put up a nice fence along the north side of our lot by the house and the canyon and painted it green. It helps the looks of the place immensely. A cement fish pond about 3 x 8 and about 3 ft. deep has been built on the lawn near the garden. We are going to stock it with goldfish, water lilies, etc. They have built a lattice wall between the feed house and the garage. It shuts off all that lower part and greatly helps the looks of the place.

Yesterday Perry, Kay and I spend the morning fishing -- managed to catch about 8 small ones, hardly worth the effort.

Perry is having trouble with asthma, but finds the use of his old remedy, Asthmador, gives him relief. He is working hard and really enjoying himself. We play bridge every day. I am making splendid headway on the new book.

Heaps and heaps of love,

July 30, 1937

Dearest Mother:

The time is passing swiftly and very happily for us. At the moment Kirby Jr. is running the lawnmower just outside the window. He and Perry are keeping the place looking spick and span. You would be immensely pleased with the appearance of everything.

The fish pond is a source of great attraction. In addition to the fish it is stocked with turtles and snails. I went out there very early this morning and one of the water lilies was in full bloom and was really quite beautiful.

We have had our first cantaloupe. They are small but the flavor is especially delicious. From now on we will have all that we can eat for several weeks. The watermelons are still slow in maturing, but there are oddles and oddles of them on the terraces, if they ever get ripe.

We usually play games for an hour after luncheon and for another hour after supper. Once or twice a week we all go to the movies.

You would be amazed at the appearance of the rabbit pens since they are now well hidden with trees and half-covered with grape vines.

The two radios work well and are kept busy a lot of the time. What luck are you having with your radio?

I manage to put in six or eight hours a day on the new book. I am greatly enjoying the work and am making good headway.

Mrs. Newman is still with Johnny, but we are expecting her shortly. It will be nice to have her back again. She and Perry get along famously.

We think of you often and hope that you are keeping reasonably well.

Much love,

Tues Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kirby Dear - I am remembering  
that your Birthday is near - hope all is  
well with you - I am always praying for  
all of my Boys - that you may have peace  
& rest & whatever God thinks is best for you  
say to Perry that I never mentioned his Birthday  
when I wrote him - but I was thinking of  
him at the right time - each day & night  
I always pray for him -

you never say anything about Mary - did  
Tom come home this summer - & how is Mary  
since the nose operation - will answer Alma's  
letter soon, no rain here yet & its awful hot  
but I keep going - doing what needs to be done -  
hope all is well with you

love from Mother

Sunday Aug 5<sup>th</sup>

Kirby - Alma Perry & every body -

I have been having company - My two sisters,  
Lizzie and Minnie came to see me it was a surprise  
& I did not know them - My Uncle Dan & his wife  
brought them in a car last Thursday, over four hundred  
miles in one day - George & Metta were going to the fair  
in Dallas - They came this morning at nine o'clock & they  
all started right on home. My sisters each drawed pension  
of twelve dollars per month so they are fixed fine, no  
rent or outside expenses, they are old & feeble Lizzie 81  
Minnie 78 - I am all right there has been plenty  
of rain & things are growing again - cow doing well too -  
oh yes - Leah & Norma came up last night - staid a  
couple of hours, they too are some better  
hope you & Perry got safely home Kirby tell me more  
about your trip - love & best wishes

Mother

August 9, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Saturday was a gala occasion. The word got around that I was having a birthday and a steady stream of people kept coming all afternoon. There must have been 15 cars altogether. Ten of us sat down to a birthday supper prepared entirely by Kirby, Jr. and Mary. They cooked it and served it. We had a grand time.

It was nice to get your birthday letter.

I refuse to feel old. I ought to have another 25 or 30 years and I want to make the most of them.

I am making fine progress on the book. I have just finished Chapter 7 with three more to go. Two weeks from today Perry, Kirby, Jr. and I are going to do some fishing in Mexican waters, about 150 miles below the border. We expect to have a grand time of it.

All goes well at this end.

Heaps and heaps of love,

August 17, 1937

Dearest Mother:

You will be interested to know that we have bought the 4½ acres on the west side of the road coming down to our place. The plot runs from our garden border all the way to Skyline Drive, the road which leads up to the water tank. The roadway around the garden has been eliminated so we will never be bothered that way. We bought the 4½ acres for \$3000 and are going to pay for it in small monthly payments. We are paying \$15 a month on the acre and a-half running up the hill from the rabbit pen. The two contracts have now been combined and we are going to pay \$25 a month on both pieces of land for this year and beginning next September we will pay \$50 a month. This means that we will have the 6 acres paid out in less than 6 years.

We decided to buy the land in order to have enough acreage for both Kirby, Jr. and Perry to get a good living off the place. The 4½ acres can easily be terraced and we plan to plant about one-half of it in avocados and the other half in either lemons or limes. We will decide soon. They will begin terracing within a few days. We will let the terrace settle until March or April when the trees will be set out. This gives us 7 acres altogether.

After the trees get four years old they return a small margin of profit and after they get 7 or 8 years old they begin to yield from \$800 to \$1500 per acre depending upon the season and the price.

Kirby, Jr. is quite certain that he does not want to teach and do indoor work, and we have concluded that this is the best place for him permanently. For several years to come I expect to have good cash income so that we will not be dependent upon the place for at least the time it takes for the trees to mature.

Perry is in a mood to stay indefinitely. If he decides to get married again, they can have the apartment above the garage. In case Kirby, Jr. gets married, they can live in two rooms with us temporarily or they may decide to build. In other words, there is a lot of room here and various arrangements can be worked out. We are very much pleased over the prospect of having both Kirby, Jr. and Perry with us indefinitely.

There is a possibility that Mary and Tom may be married after her graduation next June. By that time Tom will have completed two years graduate work at Princeton. They may return there for one more year, at the end of which he will get his degree in psychology.

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Next Monday Perry, Kirby, Jr. and I start for a week's fishing in the Mexican Pacific, about 300 miles south. We are all excited over the possibilities.

The new book will be finished by the end of the week. I hope it will do a lot of good.

We talk about you frequently and hope that you are well.

Affectionately yours,

will send for tubes next week - & got batteries just after  
Cleveland Aug 28 - (you were here)

Kirk Dear & thank you so many  
times for the money = it will keep me going  
for a good while = yes & got all the other  
that you sent at two different times - & though  
& thanked you for it - & I do again - that  
makes enough for you to pay balance of this  
year, you see it takes all I can get to feed  
the cow - no grass this year - & love the milk  
better than any thing - but unless times get a lot  
better & will sell her if I can get any money  
for her - I can live on less than she can -  
I am anxious to know how your trip came out  
so hope all went well, & that you will be safe  
at home by the time this reaches there

Leah & Norma have not been up for a good while  
but plan to come up tomorrow - Sunday - &  
call it my birthday which will be Monday = ~~seventy two~~  
& God only knows how much I will have to keep on  
begging my way - love to everyone

At All Times

Houston, Texas  
Telephone Fairview

Mother

Mary Kate Dorman  
Cashier

Las Vegas, Nev. 6:33 PM Thurs.

Boulder Dam is the highest in the world, rises 727 feet above bed rock. It is 650 feet thick at the base, and the 45 foot crest forms a highway bridge from wall to wall of the gorge, 1180 feet in length, connecting transcontinental traffic arteries between Kingman, Arizona and Boulder City, Nevada. The view of the Dam at night is a most impressive spectacle.

Dear Folks -

BOULDER DAM SERVICE BUREAU, BOULDER CITY, NEVADA

Everything ok.  
so far - talkative  
woman in back  
finally got off  
after going steady  
from beginning -  
Love - Mary

POST CARD

THIS SPACE FOR ADDRESS ONLY



The Pages -

Box 247

Lafayette, Calif.

September 3, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Yesterday was the double anniversary and we had a grand time together. It seems incredible that 23 years have passed since Alma and I were married, and we cannot believe that Mary is 20. We arrived home Wednesday night so we had all day together. Tom was out for supper and we had a big time with fish.

The last morning that we were in camp Perry got two Mexicans to take him out in a boat and he discovered a fisherman's paradise. In about two and a-half hours the three of them caught 60 lbs. of fish. We brought home about 25 lbs. and divided it up among our friends. The place is only 150 miles south of here which means we could easily drive it in 5 hours. Alma and I are going down next week in order to give her a little change.

The hillside west of the road is being terraced. We are going to be able to plant practically all of that long and deep slope. It is almost incredible what they can do with terracing. The terraces are going to improve the looks of our hilltop immensely when they get covered with trees they will be beautiful indeed.

I am remembering that tomorrow is Leak's birthday. So he is 50. I am dropping him a line. I had a card from him while he was in Chicago. Glad that prospects are so good.

I will be here until Tuesday, September 21.

By all means have the radio fixed up. It ought to be a lot of company for you. Be sure to keep the cow, even if for a while she does cost more than she brings in. You would be simply lost without her. The little money that I send you is not worth mentioning. We never miss it.

You would be thrilled if you could see Perry. You could scarcely believe that so great a change could take place within nine months. He is working hard and looking forward to being here indefinitely. We would be lost without him.

Heaps of love,

FRANCIS REYCE CANNON

September 3, 1937

Dear Leak:

We are remembering that tomorrow is your birthday. So you are 50! Time goes by so quickly that one can scarcely believe it.

It was nice to get your card from Chicago and I am glad to know that prospects are so encouraging.

This has been a very satisfactory summer for us. I have been home most of the summer and have just finished another book and sent it to the publisher. Kirby, Jr., Perry and I just returned from a ten days fishing vacation 50 miles below San Diego on the Mexican Pacific. We found good fishing and had a grand rest.

Yesterday was our 23rd anniversary and Mary's 20th birthday. We had a good time together.

You will rejoice to know that a very great change has come over Perry during the last nine months. He works hard and has settled down. He gets along famously with everybody on the hilltop and we would be lost without him. He is looking forward to being with us indefinitely.

I wish that we could see each other more often. All the folks join in sending good wishes and love to both of you.

Affectionately yours,

LEON VANCE DIRECTOR  
ELTA APPROVAL  
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September 10, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Here are some pictures that will interest you very much. #1 you will recognize as your old home. #2 was taken from Skyline Drive, the road that leads up to the water tank. It gives a good view of the 4½ acres which we have just bought. Our land goes all the way to the road and down to the bottom of the canyon. We have 279 feet on Skyline west of Sapota. This hillside is now being terraced, and a little later we will send you another picture.

#3 and 4 are good views of the house. You will notice how rapidly the trees are growing. You can see the edge of the pool near the garden fence. #5 was taken from the roof of the house and you will recognize the landscape as being directly south. In the distance you can see Fullerton Road. #6 was taken from the top of our eucalyptus tree and shows the front of the house. #7 is the famous view of the golf course. #8 and 9 show the two wings of the house. We are more and more in love with the place.

We were surprised and glad to learn that your two sisters had come to see you. What a talk-fest you must have had. It is good to know that you have had rain and that things are growing again.

All goes well at this end. I am to be here until Tuesday, the 21st.

Perry continues to work hard as usual and is enjoying himself immensely.

Heaps of love,

September 14, 1937

Dearest Mother:

Alma, Perry and I are going fishing in about an hour. We are starting for the place in Mexico where we spent the vacation. We expect to have a grand time and we will tell you all about it when we get back. We are going down for just today and tomorrow. We can drive it easily in five hours. This means that we will be there before five o'clock this afternoon. We will go fishing early in the morning and expect to be home by five o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

In one week I start a strenuous year of speaking. You had better send your letters to me at the permanent New York address, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, Room 1101. Sherwood has moved his office into this building, which you will remember is the old address of the World Tomorrow. I shall not be in New York very much but letters will always be forwarded promptly.

You will be interested in the enclosed copy of a letter from Harry Emerson Fosdick.

The youngsters are registering for their courses and the classes begin on Thursday. From now on life will be different on the hilltop. It seems incredible that they are seniors and will be graduating in another year.

We have had an extremely happy summer and are in grand shape for the year's work.

Keeps of love,

Sat morning 9-25-37

Darling:

Here are some letters and  
Myrtle's bill. One letter sent before  
this. I still owe Myrtle \$3 of this bill.

Also, there is some insurance on the  
Plymouth due on the first for about  
\$22. The man was around yesterday. Some  
insurance was made out for 18 month and  
part could only go 12 mo. at a time, so  
some was paid in the spring and this  
other is due now.

The grey kitten did not survive. Snowy is  
about as rotten as they make them.

Gale & Mrs Seemon and Frances Isdenough  
were out for a while yesterday. Same old Gale.  
They said Westwood was terribly hot during  
the hot spell. Cooler here now. The seedling  
lily in the arbor opened and is a lovely big  
fragrant white Philippine Lily.

The peaches are put up and the juice of  
grapes ready to jam today. I certainly shall  
be glad to get through so can work outside, but  
there is still washing and three weeks ironing.

You got off without helping me on the  
outline. Please give me the reference about  
"God's family". Will use that as central theme  
and divide up into ~~why~~ we are not one family  
and How to become one family. It is to be  
under head of "World Friendship". Please remember  
to send me where to find that reference, immediately,  
and any help on outlines for 6 weeks.

Love, Love, Love, yours always Alma.

Wed - Sept 29 -

Kirby Dear I rec'd your letter with  
the ten inclosed, thanks - but I can manage on less -  
& you really do more than your share, & you have so  
much on your hands. Perry says he expect to receive  
Xmas - never said if he was coming to stay or not -  
I got the cow in this field next my cow lot - started on  
the 20th at one dollar per month - & about that much  
cotton seed meal - to make more milk - & for the  
balance of this year she will not be much expense -  
chicken feed is a little cheaper too

Leah keeps thinking she will make some money, but I  
doubt it you see his salary has to come out of the profits  
& if it takes all for expenses why he gets nothing -  
he is about worn out trying.

The nights are quite cool, for a week now & I am busy  
with little chickens & fall garden - getting the strawberry  
ground ready right now - about one month until time  
to set out plants. I must thank you for the pictures  
they are good - & look so natural & showed them to Mr.  
first time they had seen any of your place, said  
it was a lovely home, & surely hope nothing happens  
to Mr Eddy - so your salary can be assured - I got the  
five Radio tubes for four dollars, it sounds fine again -  
Love & best wishes - Mother

10-7-37.

Darling:

Things seem to be running about as usual. The gophers are coming up for winter and are doing things. Got a line and my mulberry. Made cuttings of the mulberry. Perry has drowned out two and I got one in a trap. Mary came home with an orange kitten, a male this time. We shall soon start a cattery. Well, we need them at least. Perry decided not to celebrate his Wedding anniversary (10-8) in Feb. as it costs too much. He will have some highballs here in his room.

Did only fair my first night at class. However did get some discussion. Will be better prepared next time. about 15 in class. 13 tresses counting big & little. Nearly finished. Hopes and hopes lone

Ever your own  
Alma.

Oct 4,

Darling,

Had two headaches last week, and they nearly got me down, and we were almost down to our last dime. (I had 7 cents and Perry had 17¢) when the salary check rolled in. I had thought you would send me some money to repay the outfit to Myrtle. It's been sort of hard sledding.

Glad you and Sherwood have missed out on the hay fever so far. I think your better physical condition has been the prime factor there, and then the air conditioned cars and lack of need space in New York.

Tomorrow night I start with fear and trembling to find out what we don't know about World Friendship.

I must get off now to pay some bills and do a month's shopping.

Hoops and traps low

yours truly

Alma.

Cleveland Oct 18 -

Dear Son there is nothing  
new to talk about just write to let  
you know that I am well & all right -

Leah & Norma came for awhile last Wed  
night to get the produce - could not come  
to day - no more from Perry -

say I had to laugh at the picture of  
two tramps from Mexico - Perry sent it  
you two sure look tough - May not be bad -  
glad to see it - I just stay here alone all  
the time - but have reading plenty -  
when not outside putting around with cow  
& chickens - lots of garden work too -

write when you can

I love you so -

Mother

10-11-37,

Darling =

Please send you letters  
a day sooner than you have  
been counting on to reach here  
Saturday - things never reach  
here on time, and they close  
promptly at noon and don't  
distribute things.

Inviting is finished. Looks  
nice, good dirt all the way except  
next the rock garden. The next  
thing will be to pay for it. We ought  
to pay Morrison first as he is on  
his own and needs it worse. His bill  
will be close to a hundred. The morning  
winds are beginning now and blow  
like heck until about seven and  
then stop. Hot as the devil today.  
Perry is visiting. ~~I'll~~ send this if  
I get forwarding addresses today.

Weape and traps love

Ever your own  
Alma.

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need them so much. Am doing an awful lot of stewing but it doesn't seem to do any good. Don't know what we will do when we run out of money for bread, and this is only the 14th. Hardly see the kids these days as they have so much to do. Perry and I and Roth will go to Fullerton tonight to see a show. We are not going further any more, and save gas.

Hopie and Hopalong  
Ever only yours  
Alma.

10-14-37

Darling:

Here at Post office. Have not received forwarding addresses you promised, but maybe you only meant after you started Westward.

Will write concerning Vacation Plans later. Haven't enough money to pay gas bill as it was so much on account of vacation trips. Have had to use my small savings for living expences and have no black shoes yet. If it wasn't for the Tuesday night classes would not

CHARLES P. TAFT, Chairman, Winter Campaign, Dixie Terminal Building, Cincinnati, Ohio

## EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN

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20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET

PHILADELPHIA, PA. October 17, 1937.

*Community Organization and Program Dept.*

KIRBY PAGE, Chairman

FRED ATKINS MOORE, Director

Darling:

Well, the day is almost done and we are full to repletion. We had rabbit, three of them, and enough young folks to eat most of it. There was the usual gravy and potatoes and string beans and tomatoes and jam and jelly, etc. Dick and Art and Jane and Joy and her girl friend all left during the afternoon because they had to do some studying, but Roth stayed on and we had tea and toast and pie à la mode, and now they are looking over the paper and discussing various events. The kittens wander back and forth between Perry and Roth, and play between sometimes. They also are full to repletion.

I have tried to concentrate on your proposed plan for the summer, but to save me, I can't get much enthusiasm for it. I suppose I am getting cranky about leaving here, or something. I will need a rest and a vacation, as all I had was when I was in the hospital. Going to Mexico was more of a strain than a vacation for me. However, who is going to take care of the berries and peaches, etc., and strawberries and such as they ripen in July? Also, I can't get up much enthusiasm for spending money if I have to stay here and worry and skimp all winter to pay for it. We got through last week on about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of hamburger for meat, with a rabbit for the Sunday meal, and sandwich meat for the youngsters, but they were not home for supper even until Friday. Perry saw Mary Friday morning and asked her if she still lived here. She has been busy getting ready for the student body dance. Tom will not come out here next year, and if he doesn't get a job for the summer he will be writing his thesis. Mary will go East late in June.

I promised Morrison I would write you right away. You see he

is working for himself, and is in need of what we owe him for the surveying, which came to \$78. plus. I don't know if there is anything you can do about it all or not. The Standard Bill for August-September, with the tires for the Plymouth, came to \$69. and I have not paid it, and can't. On top of it all everyone forgot to tie Choto last night and both dogs ~~went outside~~ and had a run-in with a skunk as usual. They seem to have gotten all the dirt and dust there was around the country in the meantime. They would, just as company was due.

I am doing the best I can with the class, but I assure you I am not so hot ~~with our teacher.~~ I studied real hard last week. Don't know how I shall come out next week. I must wash tomorrow, and there is three weeks ironing to be done some day. I suppose it is a good thing we had company today, as Mary cleaned the house. She didn't touch it last week. She surely did work hard today though, rather this morning. She even got up before I went to church.

Susie writes that she is afraid to leave Johnnie just yet as she is not doing any too well. She gets the bad headaches now and then and is not strong enough to take full care of the baby. She wrote this to Mary, as Mary actually wrote her a letter. Now what do you know about that. First thing you know she may write one to you, especially if ~~she~~ gets too broke.

Heaps and heaps and heaps love.

Always ever your own,

Alva.

Cleveland. Oct 21

Dear Alma, yesterday I rec'd

a photograph of Kirby, I suppose you are  
the one. To thank for it - & I do heartily -  
it's a fine picture of him - & yet it's not  
some difference - seems like his head & neck  
is too long - maybe he is thinner -  
any way it's Kirby, & I am glad to have it  
how are you these days - does the head bother  
any more - are Kay, & Mary real well & strong  
I sold the calf Monday for six dollars, the cow  
almost drove me crazy bawling, & not much milk  
but she will get over that - the two turkeys are big  
fine fellows now - have done fairly well with the  
chickens - have 55 on hand now, one hen just off -  
have the strawberry rows all fixed, & the plants ordered  
mine all died from the drouth - will soon be digging  
sweet potatoes no frost but cold for two morning  
big rain Sunday - but Leah & Maria came  
just the same - our help me to have some one  
come in - will write Kirby to day too  
Love to all Mother

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

October 22, 1937

Darling:

Well, I guess I will write you a regular letter for once. I feel a lot better now that the gas bill is paid and you assure me that we will not have to go broke to take in the vacation this summer. It is all a great load off my mind and I can feel much better all around. Debts simply put me under, and although there are still three small bills totaling nearly \$25.00 they are not so insistent. I have \$20 in the bank and can pay one or two of them and still have enough to run us till the first.

There will be no difficulty about driving back and forth across the country, and anyway Mary will be going East at that time and she can go with me and help drive and save some railroad fare. Also we could be at the wedding, so pick out a date about the first of July to attend the wedding. Perry read the letter and said: "Well, I see now where there will have to be a woman on the place next summer."

I guess I am getting along all right in the classes but can't tell much. The class remains about the same number, but changes a bit each time. Some are absent and new ones come in and some go to other classes. The last time I did most of the talking and had some discussion at the end. I am having to study like everything and it is hard for me to corral all I want to say when the time comes and get it out in the proper order.

I am spending as much time as I can outside, still I am way behind on the cleaning up out there. The house gets cleaned now and then. I wash and the ironing gets done when we need something to wear, but never entirely. I haven't felt up to it and am afraid to risk any unnecessary headaches. The last letter from Susie didn't hold out much hope of her getting here soon, as she said Johnnie has headaches too, and she is afraid to leave her alone just yet with all the care of the baby. Boy, oh boy, do I need her here now! The pipe for the drain came in yesterday. The boys dug the ditch and place the pipe and the fellow will put it in about the first. Will pay him and let something else wait.

Will look into the matter of a federal loan, but doubt the ability to lump our other debts in with it. We are not paying any interest at all on the weatherstripping bill, and there is so little more to be paid on the electric equipment bill. I must run now, and will try to write some more soon. Have written Gale that you can't make it the 9th. Heaps and heaps love from me to you, then some more.

Ever, always, your own

*Alma*

Sunday Morning Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

Kirby Dear your letter from Del Norte  
city reached me yesterday - many thanks for remembering  
me - I have not felt so well as usual lately, think  
it too heavy work - but I am such a silly  
that I will not leave it alone = first dug out  
part of the sweet potatoe, then fixed the ground  
for Burmuda onion plants set out five hundred  
set out eight hundred strawberry plants & put  
straw on them - about twenty baskets full. got it  
across the road now I have about caught up  
looking for Leah & Warner today - but it will be about  
time before they get here she will bring a quilt  
for me to do for a Houston woman I will get three  
dollars for doing it = no frost yet every thing growing  
lovely roses & chrysanthemums - Christmas Bells starting to bloom  
I have lots to read - Colliers American, Cosmopolitan, Holland,  
& two farm papers - beside the Radio guide I finally get  
Leah to stop the Post you see I need to go off for month  
I get the general news over the Radio & that enough yes it's  
working fine - thanks for all you do for me love & love Mother

Sunday Nov 21

Kirby Dear I rec'd one of  
your new books a few days ago. Many thanks.  
have read quite a bit in it to day - I believe  
it's the best one yet - we have had some bad  
weather freezing far two nights all my pretty  
flower bushes killed, coral vine, Xmas bells, poinsettia,  
dahlias, etc. did well & keep them this long -  
dug out the Irish potatoes yesterday afternoon killed  
think they will be all-right made a lot of nice ones  
planted small ones from the Spring crop -  
I am quilting a quilt for a lady - its flower border -  
& a beautiful thing - large to be used for a spread -  
I'm to get three dollars for doing it - take a long time  
if this cold keeps up, tell Perry I thank him for his  
letter & the contents - I have plenty of wood but I  
do hate having to sit by the stove so much when I  
want to be doing something else -  
hope you people are all well -  
write me - love - Mother

TULANE UNIVERSITY  
New Orleans, Louisiana

November 23, 1937

Mrs. Edith Page,  
1633 Marshall St.,  
Houston, Texas

Dear Edith:

I am sorry that I was not able to see you last night as I passed through Houston. I wrote you several days ago that I expected to be there for half an hour, and hoped that you might be able to come to the train. It may be that my letter did not reach you. I tried to get you on the telephone but did not succeed.

I am sorry about this because I wanted to have a talk with you about Perry. As you know, he has been staying with us now for ten months. The change that has come over him is almost incredible. I did not believe anybody could change so drastically. He has quit drinking and has settled down. You would scarcely recognize him now. In addition to his room and board, he is getting fifty dollars per month cash. This means that he is in the best financial shape that he has ever been in. He likes the outdoor work and does it extremely well.

I tell you all this as a background for the statement that he is very eager to remarry you if you are at all in the mood to remarry him. I wanted to talk this all over with you because I think you are entitled to this information as you face the future. Alma and I will be delighted again to have you live on the hill top, as you know there is a separate apartment available if you want to use it.

This letter is written on my own initiative and not at the suggestion of Perry. Indeed, he does not know that I am writing it. You may care to throw it in the waste basket, or you may care to talk the situation over with me when I return to Houston on December 8.

If you do want to discuss this with me, I will be grateful if you will send me a line in care of Hotel Ensley, Atlanta, Georgia, where I will be from Friday until Monday, November 29. I can be reached at Raleigh, North Carolina, State College Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, December 4. If I do not hear from you, I will understand that you have made other plans, and do not think it worth while to talk things over with me.

Affectionately,

TULANE UNIVERSITY

New Orleans, Louisiana

November 23, 1937

Mr. Perry L. Page,  
P.O Box-247,  
La Habra, California

Dear Perry:

I did not get to see Edith. She was not at the station, and I could not reach her on the telephone. It may be that she did not get my letter. At any rate, we will have to mark time.

The journey was most interesting and I am enjoying New Orleans again after a very long absence. The bridge across the Mississippi is very impressive. It is a vast improvement over the old ferry system.

There are many things to talk over when I get back.

As ever,

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Nov. 27

Darling:

Have sent the books, we had on hand, but the new batch of 100 have not come in yet. There is a card for some in today's mail, but if it is those, it is only one package. Had a letter today from Ted Evans enclosing 52 names. Had already sent him 25 bopies, and am writing him saying I will send more as soon as I get them and perhaps Dr. Bard has some left over.

Postal has not called up to tell about his price, but we shall call him up and find out what it is. The boys are talking a lot in terms of the new building. Kay says it should not be started before Spring.

We are so full of turkey we hardly know what to do with ourselves. Everyone has a cold and is miserable on that account as well as being too full. I am trying to get a girl to do some work for me next week. If I succeed it will do me a lot of good as I have felt punk all week.

Heaps and heaps love. then some more and more and more,

Always your own,

*Alma*

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

November 29, 1937.

Darling:

Everything about as usual. Mary still has a cold and am keeping her at home today, but she is a little better. Not down, but not good to spread her germs around. Perry is deducting each day before he has to start back to Texas, and marking each day off with pleasure. Then he will mark them off until he gets back here.

The Orange County Methodist ministers want to know if they and their wives could have an evening with you some time, probably February, for a talk-fest, sort of like the Fellowship meetings. Place not decided yet. There would be about fifty of them, including wives, if confined to the Methodists and more if other denominations were invited in. This to be left to you, whether you wanted a larger group or not. Mr. Kent was asking me about it. Kent has had to go to the Hospital at Sawtelle for a couple of weeks. His back has been bothering him and the doctors have told him that it may be a direct result and outgrowth of injuries received in France, and have advised him to apply for disability insurance.

We still have strawberries and they are looking nicer all the time. Perry had a ripe watermelon Saturday.

Do give my best to the Kings. Wish I could see them However, wish them the best to luck.

We have not had any rain yet, and it doesn't seem to be going to rain, however there is plenty of fog.

Heaps and heaps and heaps of love, and then heaps more

Ever, always your own,

*Alma.*

Am sending Myrtle's statement  
direct to Barbara.

ALEXANDER PAGE  
President

H. GUTMAN  
General Manager

ERNEST W. CLAYTON  
Secretary and Treasurer

# HOUSTON ART STUDIO, Inc.

3014-16 McKinney Avenue  
Telephone Preston 9353

HOUSTON, TEXAS

December 17th, 1937

HIGH GRADE  
PORTRAITS  
OIL PAINTINGS  
MINIATURES  
AND  
FRAMES

Dear Kirby:

Your letter reached me about four hours after I dispatched a telegram to you. I am on a hot spot and appreciate your information; will be glad to receive the money as soon as it is available.

Glad you reached home all right. It appears your letter was written Sunday but mailed on Thursday, so am wondering whether Perry left last Tuesday or is to start the coming Tuesday. We will all be glad to see him again.

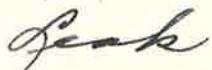
We had a streak of good luck with the portrait business, found a man who will take it off our hands, "as is," which means a lot when you know the inside of the affair. It means I will lose my investment in the company but at that I will be better off, I figure, than to hang on to a losing game. The man that takes it is an experienced pictureman, knows all the answers, so can do something with it, where I could not. It is a big relief I assure you to be rid of it.

I made a deal with the new man to let me have use of desk and phone free for 30 days, so I will be in the same office for another month, without the care and responsibility for the business. In this way I can get certain reports cleaned up that have to be attended to, while I am engaging in the life insurance business management for Oscar Eicke. The Southwestern Life Insurance Company plans to move the district office from Gulf Building to Esperson Building in January and Oscar is figuring on a private office for his business, where he and I can work. Till then, we can carry on without having to rent office, install phone, and take on the extra overhead expense. Without this arrangement, we had planned to operate from my home until it is disposed of. We are pushing six real estate concerns all we can to get a sale, even at reduced figure, so hope soon to be able to tell you that the big house is off our hands. You can reach me at Box 3129 for another 30 days, and I will keep you posted as to developments.

We had a nice busy day last Sunday with Mother, set out two trees, moved them out of the garden into chicken pen and field back of house. Mother was all 'het up' over your nice visit with her, and grieving the time was so short. She is keen on our moving up there to live with her and Norma is favorable too, so the immediate problem is to get rid of the home, now that the picture business is off my hands. Norma's condition remains about the same, she suffers a lot.

We hope all is well there and that you will have a real rest and a good time together Christmas. We will spend one day with Mother, either Saturday or Sunday, to be determined in a few days. If I could get hold of that money by Monday it would ease a big load and enable me to save some situations and really get to work earning with Oscar Eicke. Thanks a lot.

Your loving brother,



ALEXANDER PAGE  
President

H. GUTMAN  
General Manager

ERNEST W. CLAYTON  
Secretary and Treasurer

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3014-16 McKinney Avenue  
Telephone Preston 9353

HOUSTON, TEXAS

December 18th, 1937

HIGH GRADE  
PORTRAITS  
OIL PAINTINGS  
MINIATURES  
AND  
FRAMES

Dear Kirby:

Your air mail letter arrived this afternoon. I have looked around and the best information is that I shall not be able to borrow any money in Houston on your endorsement. It is not a question of the endorser, but of distance - so that's that.

I am in the position of having to raise some money, and nothing to raise it on. So if you will accept the assignment, tough though it may be, I will ever be grateful to you. I simply must raise \$300.00, as I explained to you, to get some personal affairs straightened out to keep going. I cannot afford to be dumped in the street at home, with such a good equity, on which a part at least can be realized. I have some other matters that are so pressing, they will no longer be postponed. I have been in a lot of tight places but never in such a jam as at present. If Norma's nervous condition was not so delicate, I could take a different tack, but you know a feller sometimes has to scramble around and keep his face, especially with friends and relatives. So, if you will make the required effort to secure this money, I assure you it will be a life-saver and you will never lose it, nor regret the aid rendered.

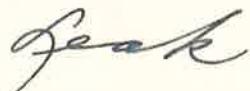
I wrote you yesterday as to immediate plans and recent developments. Oscar is moving to our home tonight or tomorrow, and we will really get under way in the insurance business on Monday. I look forward to it, because I know Oscar and like the insurance business -- when he is on the selling end and I am on the office and routing end.

I will keep you posted and for God's sake get the \$300.00 to me as soon as possible. I will make it up to you, in several ways.

Must scoot now, cleaning up a lot of odds and ends in picture game, so as to be free for other work on Monday.

No word yet from the insurance policy, think the adding of the double indemnity feature is the reason, it requires time like issuing a new policy. I will advise you soon as it is returned. Love, and I hope all is well with you and the dear ones on the hilltop.

Your devoted brother,



L. H. Godchaux  
President and Manager

Dr. J. B. Spiller  
Vice President

A. L. Page  
Secretary and Treasurer

## LEONA PORTRAIT & ART COMPANY

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HOUSTON, TEXAS

Mary Kate Dorman  
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December 26th, 1936

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of All Kinds

Dear Kirby:

Mother had a good Christmas, and yesterday was a red letter day in her recent life. We spent the day with her, and Norma helped prepare a combination dinner. I killed a big rabbit, Norma fixed oyster dressing and gravy, and Mother cooked the vegetables, pies, etc. We took fresh buns, heated them in the oven, and with plenty of fresh butter and home-made jelly, it was a good feast. I took cakes, fruit, candy, groceries and Norma made an apron for Mother, got her a pair of house shoes, kitchen utensils, dishes, etc. We took a lot of our presents along with us and opened them last night so that Mother could get the thrill with us of Christmas presents. We turned on the radio and heard some fine Christmas programs, off and on during the day and evening. But the big event was the trip to Lufkin. We left Mother's place shortly after 11 o'clock, with an early dinner under our belts, drove to Abb. Parrishes, visited a while, then drove to the cemetery. It was the first time Mother ever saw Mr. Murry's tombstone, as it was erected after she left for New York with Alma. Almost three years since Mother left there and she experienced some deep emotions upon returning, said she was sure she would never get back there until she came there via funeral home for burial. Parrishes went with us to the cemetery, I had a camera and we took some pictures. Developing them today and wonder if any of them were good. After driving around Lufkin some, went back to Parrishes home, and returned to Houston via the old home road, stopped at Hayes, crossed highway to Chase Hayes' new home, where Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Butler, and a horde of neighbors were congregated. Mother sat in the car and they paid homage to her, as it were, surely seemed glad to see her and to know she was doing so well. We caught a glimpse of the old home-place from highway, but Mother did not care to go down the rough lane to see it, and especially after they told it had been allowed to run down through neglect. Mother saw so many people, raked up old memories, and got so much information as to the natives, that she said she doubted if she would sleep last night, she was so excited when we got back to her place a little after dark. We milked, gathered eggs, and fed the pig by moon-light and flash-light, had another big feed, sat around and visited with Mother until 9:30 and then to Houston.

Perry declined to go, stating he had to work, but he has not been working much for a week or two on account of agitation against the 'bockies.' He preferred his crowd, I guess. I offered two or three times to take him with us on Sundays, and again Christmas Day, but he has other ideas, so it seems. He was hard up, complaining about no work and no money, so I told him he could get \$50.00 loan on his life insurance policy. He was unaware of such possibilities,

so I wrote a letter of application for the loan, and sent his policy to Dallas. He should have his money back here by Monday or Tuesday. I let him have \$5.00 to tide over Christmas and he said he would return it out of the \$50.00 loan.

Weather was perfect yesterday, no rain, not cold, nor hot, and we were grateful for the very pleasant day it afforded us.

Your Christmas letter arrived Chrietmas Eve and we are glad to hear from you. We will be looking for you about January 7th or 8th and will try and all run up to Mother's again, if possible. Let me know the exact time of your arrival, when you know it.

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you. Norma has a dandy Christmas present from her husband,- a 1937 Dictator Studebaker 4-door Cruising Sedan, with trunk on the back. It is a six, as an eight is too large and too expensive to buy and to operate, and not to our liking, if we had barrels of money. It was quite a peculiar deal that tumbled it into her lap on about 4<sup>g</sup> hours notice, and she is tickled of course and a bit excited over it too. The Reo was in its eighth year and getting old and cranky. She had been given the 1936 Chevrolet Master Coach for her personal use when she turned over the Reo to us for business uses. But she was never content with the coach door arrangement, carrying women to Bible classe made too much trouble getting in and around that front seat. We decided to buy a new Coach to fit up as a delivery wagon for the portrait and frame business, and though to trade the Reo in on it. But Norma suggested that we use her Chevrolet, the Habana Cream car you rode in, for business purposes and get a new 4-door Sedan for her. So we started shopping,- looked at Fords, Chevrolets, Pontiacs, Studebakers and Buicks. It narrowed down to Chevrolet or Studebaker, and Studebaker it is. I had an agreed equity of \$340.00 in the 1936 Chevrolet, so that made the cash down payment required in addition to trade-in allowance on Reo (got \$165.00 for it, not so bad, eh), and will provide cash for the first several monthly payments on the new Studebaker. Consequently, Norma has a new 4-door Sedan, the business has a 2-door Chevrolet for delivery car, and no more Reo in the Page family. Pretty good trading around, we think! Norma's new car is a beauty, prettiest green you ever saw almost, and it has a lot of improvements over the 1936 models. So you may get a ride in it, when you are here, if you are a good boy. Naturally, it was somewhat of a sensation to Mother and made a good background for her startling appearance in Lufkin and vicinity on yesterday. It is equipped with a governor that holds the speed down to around 40-45 miles until it has been driven 500 miles, so that made us act "sober\*sides." But by and by the mileage will run up and then the Dictator can run without a governor to handicap operations.

I suppose you had a good time with all the home folks, and we hope the coming year will be good to you and yours. Mother is cheerful and seems to be getting along all right. Norma is improving too. I feel fine and dandy every day, so that's that.

Lovingly, your brother,

*Jack*

Tuesday, Dec 28 -

Dear Family of four -

I will make this letter a long one  
because I have each of you to thank  
for something really worth while to me  
Mary & Hag - those photos look like a  
million dollars & are fine just what  
I wanted most - that was the loveliest  
way you put them up - I ever saw - I  
surely do thank you & for the greetings also -  
Alma, I am gloating over so many flower  
seed - certainly do thank you for all the  
trouble in putting them up - I hope to grow  
lovely flowers from them, won't I get  
the sweet peas & poppies in the ground  
just as soon as its dry enough to dig -  
& Kirby - you will never know how much  
I appreciate what you have done for  
Perry - he really has changed a lot



RADIOS IN ROOMS.

NEW ORLEANS

Friday, Dec 8/18

Kirby Dear the old year is about  
to pass away - & what the new year will  
bring God alone know - Perry left here  
last night to catch the seven o'clock Bus to  
Houston he only came yesterday as I wrote  
to Calif; last week he staid with me three  
nights - & two whole days - we had a grand  
time talking = he has changed for the better  
& can never thank you enough for what  
you have done for him Alone too  
he expected to start for Calif. this morning  
but will stop over night in Dallas to see  
Tubb said he was anxious to get back home  
saw Edith & thinks he can rest easy now  
has done all he could, & his conscience is clear  
loves your hills - & expects to stay if you  
want him = George & Norma spent Xmas  
up here, & took one turkey back to sell

I could not here, will get the other one,  
next time - he weighed 2 3/4 lbs -  
& listened to the Radio for awhile  
but it makes me too lonesome for  
all my loved ones - It is raining  
& I will soon go to bed - still warm  
for which I am so thankful -  
more like April than Dec =  
Radio says cold weather is coming - I  
dread it - have plenty of everything  
& will get along the best I can -  
you need not send any money for a  
good while - I wrote & thanked Alma  
for the Boysenberry jam, its the best  
stuff I ever tasted also to Mary & Mary  
thank you for their photos, they  
are fine - Jan 109 38

New years greetings to you  
still warm & raining love  
Mother

Dec 28

Darling:

Enclosed are yesterdays letters.

Everything about as usual here,

Had rain only on Sunday, yesterday clear.

Pastor called today will come out. Sent your letters out,

Mr Kent called again about your meeting with Orange County Methodist ministers. They want to know if you can stay on through the Evening with them, having dinner with them. You can let me know.

We haven't enough money to give the youngsters their Christmas Present money. Susie sent them \$2 each.

Hope and hope love  
yours ever  
alma

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

asilomar - Dec 28

Sweetheart:

all goes well!

500 delegates - ideal weather  
so far - fine response!!

Keep busy!

Laundry arrived O.S.C. today.

Eager to hear from you.

Love and kisses

Kirby

KIRBY PAGE  
POST OFFICE BOX 247  
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

□937  
Sunday 8 P.M.

Oakland on the Train

Beloved:

We had a wonderful time at Asilomar.  
Doris & Paul can tell you about details.

on Tuesday I can be reached by telegram  
at Laramie Wyoming - G. C. C. Hoyt - Nelesan  
Foundation. on Wednesday enroute to Chicago  
and Thursday to Hotel Morrison.

The letter for Sherwood was good news.  
This means \$4500 in three years. This  
alone will take care of all payments on the  
place + at the bank.

If a check does not come from  
Barbara, cash the first checks that  
come in response to my finance appeal.  
I am to see Miss Campbell on Sunday  
I hope to secure \$500 or \$1000. Will  
try also to see Mr & Mrs Price in  
North Canton + renew their \$750.  
Helen Beardsley will probably send  
something soon. Now that Sherwood's

gift is certain, I feel absolutely  
confident that we will be OK.

Am eager to hear about Perry.  
If there is a bride give her an  
affectionate welcome for me.

So X is 22!! Am writing  
to him.

Heaps of kisses

Always your own

Kirby

Sun morning. (937)

Darling:

Was afraid to send this to Wyoming account Saturday holiday.  
Did you get letters & Remond & Barbara  
at Aeronaut?

We still owe \$80.65 to college  
and they want it by the 20th, in fact  
must be paid by then.

Did you say give back to \$100  
out tenacing and ask them to put  
rest on bill?

No further word from Penny.  
Lead the holidays as ever.

Heaps and Heaps love  
them much more,

Ever your son

Alma

Billing Wednesday (1/2)  
Everything O.K. at  
this end. Had  
some nice straw-  
berry short cake  
last night. Will  
get turkey today.  
Perry's contribution.

If you want  
to write Suie  
send to Mrs Minnie  
a Newman of 121 Dolon  
of Fumble Bit Co., Thompson,  
Texas.

People are

People have

then some

Even your own

still alone

yourself too

motivation goes

now say for

and where it

isn't now I was

all of it was not a

point of life though

now it



# KING COTTON HOTEL

GREENSBORO, N.C.

*Tuesday Night  
7<sup>40</sup>*

Dear Kirby:-

Left Ho on 2 o'clock bus  
and arrived here about 4.

Mother OK and we have sure  
been talking - so glad to be with her.

Never did get to see Leah, in  
fact was Mon. afternoon before could  
ever get anyone to answer at  
house - finally talked to Norma,<sup>think</sup>  
they will be here either Sat or Sun.

Made the rounds pretty well in  
Ho - so many of my old friends  
who have moved away - have been  
out with several and had some real  
nice times - have it down now

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# KING COTTON HOTEL

GREENSBORO, N.C.

HAYWOOD DUKE, MANAGER

to about two - Can tell you ~~anything~~  
for sure yet - Don't know myself.

Looks now like I will come back  
alone - Maybe have my Honey come  
on over later - I sure hope so.

Anyway its a long story, tell  
you all about it later on.

Called Edith up at 12<sup>05</sup> today  
met her at 12<sup>30</sup> and had lunch  
with her. We talked about 50  
minutes - Had real nice pleasant,  
friendly visit.

She says she is happy and satisfied  
with life as is. Asked her if  
she was going to get married soon  
said yes but didn't know when

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HAYWOOD DUKE, MANAGER

# KING COTTON HOTEL

GREENSBORO, N.C.

is just how long it womed be.

Believe it or not it was just like meeting anyone else I knew, so looks like I finaely got over it.

But wanted to see her and talk to her and satisfy myself. And that's that.

The Alma I wife get the suit case, Edie gave me her phone number & address and I wife get it next <sup>Wek</sup>  
The Ray and Mary I think she be able to buy enough real country sausage here to bring back.

I think she be here today, Wed, Thurs and back to Ho Fri - They come back one day before leaving to see Mother again & get the sausage.



CAPACITY 600 GUESTS  
EUROPEAN PLAN  
ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF

TEL. HUBBARD 1600  
CABLE ADDRESS  
"ESSEXO"

WALTER D. LENT, MANAGER

## The Hotel Essex

OPPOSITE SOUTH STATION

BOSTON, MASS.

However am sure going to have to have a little more money - so if the other letter by any chance should miss reaching you, better send me 15 if possible Milby Hotel at once.

Boys and girls I tell you this dining and dining these honeys sure does run into money - and how.

Have drunk Highball and one bottle of beer - tasting it easy - not a drink since Sat. Now that

Hope all are well and etc - Today first day was over cool since reaching here.

Gone away are the avacadoos. No cold or wheezes yet - feeling fine.

Over love to all, Perry.

Boy these Cards are a Knock out,  
sure have come in handy.  
Write me soon -

James

Darling.

Mystle hasn't been out yet. Didn't send the \$5 as expected her out each day. Now, since sending Penny \$35, can't send it to her. Will give her some fruit cake.

Sort of wish we hadn't got the car. more payments. anyway, hopes long the same, as ever you own -

Wednesday

morning,

Hope you got your shirts all right.

Just got a "collect" wire from P. I. saying "wire \$35 today".

Kay has a job today & tomorrow and no <sup>\$4</sup> years <sup>\$5</sup> <sup>night</sup> and a ticket to the game.

all my love  
yours always

Alma.

1937

CAPACITY 600 GUESTS  
EUROPEAN PLAN  
ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF



TEL.-HUBBARD 1600  
CABLE ADDRESS  
"ESSEXO"

WALTER D. LENT, MANAGER  
**The Hotel Essex**  
OPPOSITE SOUTH STATION  
BOSTON, MASS.

Milby Hotel  
Monday Morn

Dear Kirby:-

All week so far and things look like I might be getting somewhere - Can't tell for sure yet. Haven't seen or heard of Edith. Don't know where she is.

Going up to Mothers today or tomorrow - Everyone glad to get the avacodos etc.

Boy oh Boy dining there ladies is kinda expensive - afraid I will need about 15 more if you can send me back Milby at once -  
Long letter soon,

Love to all, Penny.

Monday 29

[1937]

Kirby Dear I was glad to  
hear about Lucy - hope she will have an  
easier time now, sure will be glad to  
see you - L M were here yesterday  
said they did not know about coming up  
while you were here. Look right over  
you up Tues we have had some cold  
bad weather, ice this morning, but clear  
I started a letter to Calif to you, the same  
mail that brought yours, hope to see  
you soon, but thought I better let you  
know that I am all right

Love Mother

I privately think we all  
had too much turkey and  
dressing for our good.

However, we shall be  
glad to see you even if  
you do have a cold.

Do give my love to  
Grandma, and ask her  
if she wants Perry to  
bring her anything in  
the line of plants or  
seeds I happen to have.  
Gophers working still,  
Heaps and heaps long  
ever your own  
Alma

Darling:

[1937]

Don't you dare come  
home with a cold again.  
We have all had one, and  
may lost two days from  
school and I just <sup>days</sup>  
had two of the most in  
months, and circumstances  
were such that I had to  
keep going. Couldn't have  
had two days come together  
when I couldn't get out  
of things, coincide any  
better if I had planned it.  
However am on the up and  
up now and can rest too.



1937

HOTEL PENNSYLVANIA  
NEW YORK

on the Pacific - 33 miles  
north of Ensenada, Mexico  
Tuesday.

Sweetheart:

arrived here about 2 o'clock  
Sunday afternoon. Found a fine  
beach near high rocks for fishing -  
isolated - so we camped. Can  
get water  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles away at a  
filling station.

Sunday afternoon caught a  
beautiful flounder -  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pounds,  
 $16$  inches long. I also caught  
another kind of fish  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pounds.

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Perry was slow in starting to hook  
'em. K has not fished yet.

Nights are cool & comfortable.  
Good breeze all day. Plenty to  
eat!! Much bridge playing.  
Clothes is mushy.

Heah sleep.

Wish you could be here.

Much love and many kisses

Kirby

Caught a  $1\frac{1}{4}$  pounder with  
greenish color and green meat!  
afraid to eat it-

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HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK  
Chairman

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Sunday - Enroute to Denver.

Sweetheart:

Had fine visit with mother. She looks well & her spirits are high. Her place looks grand but too much rain. Eh!!

Edit came to the Rice for luncheon. Looks better than I had expected. Is not bitter toward Perry. Has no plans for future. Hopes to begin work soon. Was delighted to get the fruit.

Had no word from Jessie or Billy.

Jack is doing better. He & Norma are now following the advice of an astrologer!! He told me what is going to happen during the next few years. I suggested that he write down these prophecies!! Has changed his name to Alexander Page or a. s. Page!!! We do not know how much money we raised but we are hopeful. Had six or seven important interviews.

Heaps of love

Kirby

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Sunday Night

Dear Kirby:-

all week here, and sunshine today for  
a change - Has been cool and cloudy -  
for a week now - so unusual. Ha-Ha -  
Kids have 3 more days school then  
their vacation -

Glee eating strawberries - Have Peas - Beans  
Carrots, Potatoes & onions now and will  
have other things a little later - Melon  
Vines are looking fine & believe we are  
going to raise plenty watermelons & cantalopes.  
Plants looking real nice and in good  
shape - Berries coming fine - Won't be so  
many Black Berries but more Boysen -

Another year showed be late of bad  
Grapes coming first - <sup>77</sup> also the lime trees

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Alma & Mary are at show tonight - Kay went into whittier to library after book so here I am.

Wrote Edith nice letter as I know how on May 9<sup>th</sup> - She hasn't even bothered to answer it - Nothing from Leo since you left. Kay and I cut load of wood yesterday down on creek & brought home - More the next few weeks - Rabbits doing a little better.

Counted 83 Carnations the other day - How Dahlia's coming up and along fairly well. Sweet Peas - Roses - Pinks etc. are lovely. Hope all well with you - Glad to hear the good news and know you feel better. Write us when you can - Kay and I going fishing about Fri or Sat - He is trying to teach me a chess & checkers now - Rock Garden is pretty - Perry.

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Darling:

Everything goes well here. We had some gorgeous weather last week and more promised. But now foggy as yougster prepare to go to beach for day. Perry & Kay went fishing once and caught 3 about same size.

My rock garden is gradually gaining the semblance of care, with the help of my trusty push hoe and is gorgeous with poppies etc. Everything watered last two days and boy oh boy did we use water.

Am so anxious to hear how things have gone with the merger. Have asked Saisie to send the balance now and await word.

Hespa and Troop long

always ever your  
alma.

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Monday

Kirby Dear - I just today  
got the grape vines they had sold  
out at Tyler & sent the money  
back - then I ordered from another place  
they are good vines with long roots  
no rain since the week you left here  
& its nice & warm - garden doing very  
well - but the cow is nearly dry  
Leah & I came up yesterday first  
time in three weeks - we set new  
pears & strawberries & talked of  
you & Perry

Leah thinks the best  
way to get the Radio fixed up will  
be to have their man bring tubes  
& batteries & fix it himself - they send  
freight to Cleveland once a week & it  
will not cost anything to get the man  
hope all is well with you & the  
folks in Calif too -

write if you get time

Lovd from Mother

Did you get my letter saying that I heard the Radio